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1. THE EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI) HAS JUST RECEIVED AN INVITATION TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO BERLIN FOR A WORKING LEVEL MEETING TO BEGIN THE PREPARATION OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMUNIST CONFERENCE. THE MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO START IN ABOUT 15 DAYS WITH REPRESENTATION EXPECTED TO BE AT THE LEVEL OF DEPUTY CHIEF OF FOREIGN SECTIONS. AMONG THE PARTIES REPORTEDLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES ARE THE ITALIAN, THE FRENCH, THE POLISH AND THE SOVIET. THE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION INDICATED THAT THIS MEETING WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY ONE WITH A HIGHER LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION.

2. IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE EUROPEAN
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COMMUNIST CONFERENCE, OUR SOURCE INDICATED THAT THERE WILL

BE TWO SEMINARS IN THE SPRING WHICH WILL DISCUSS TOPICS RELATED TO THE DOCUMENTS IN PREPARATION. ONE WILL BE HELD IN BELGRADE TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF SOCIALISM AND THE THIRD WORLD. REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMUNIST, SOCIALIST AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES WILL BE INVITED. THE PCI WILL SUBSEQUENTLY HOST A SIMILAR SEMINAR IN ROME ON THE QUESTION OF EAST-WEST TRADE.

3. THE SAME SOURCE DOUBTED THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNIST CONFERENCE COULD BEHELD PRIOR TO THE FALL. GIVEN THE PACE OF THE CSCE TALKS IN GENEVA, HE DOES NOT EXPECT THE THIRD STAGE TO BE HELD BEFORE THE EARLY SUMMER. SUBSEQUENTLY, A PERIOD OF TIME WOULD HAVE TO ELAPSE BEFORE THE CONVOCATION OF THE COMMUNIST CONFERENCE DURING WHICH THE RESULTS OF THE CSCE WOULD HAVE TO BE EVALUATED. VOLPE

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